

*Plaque honors late Captain Luther H. Smith, Jr., one of the original Tuskegee Airmen*

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CHEYNEY, PA— Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) today hosted a ceremony to name the Cheyney, PA Post Office after late Captain Luther H. Smith, Jr., one of the original Tuskegee Airmen.

“Captain Smith was a member of a unique group of men who possessed an unabashed devotion to this country and its values,” said Congressman Sestak.

Attending the ceremony were the Philadelphia Metropolitan Area’s District Manager of the U.S. Postal Service, Michael J. Smith, and the Cheyney Post Office Manager, Michael J. Smith.

Captain Smith was one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, a highly decorated World War II prisoner of war who was held in the Japanese prison camp of Nagasaki, Japan.

He was born in Des Moines, Iowa on September 27, 1920. His early dreams to serve as a military aviator were realized when he was selected for flight training at Tuskegee Army Airfield, Tuskegee, Alabama.

After retiring from the U.S. Army Air Forces, Captain Smith completed his engineering education at the U

Following his retirement from GE in 1988, Captain Smith was active in support of local civic causes, serv

He also was instrumental in capturing the history of the Tuskegee Airmen so that present and future gen

Although the name of the post office is now "Captain Luther H. Smith, U.S. Army Air Forces Post Office,

*Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years a*

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